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SUBJ: REPORTED TIN DISPOSAL-- NOTE FROM FOREIGN OFFICE

EMBASSY RECEIVED TODAY " URGENT" NOTE FROM MINISTRY FONAFFAIRS DATED MARCH 15, 1973, APPARENTLY DRAFTED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR VALENCIA' S REPORT YESTERDAY OF NEWS ACCOUNTS OF STRATEGIC DISPOSALS BUT BEFORE CONFIRMATION BY PRESIDENT NIXON IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE. TEXT FOLLOWS:

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CULTURE PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND WITH REFERENCE TO NEWS INFORMATION PUBLISHED BY THE NEW YORK TIMES, WALL STREET JOURNAL AND WASHINGTON STAR, (SIC) CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ORDER BEING GIVEN FOR THE SALE OF IMPORTANT QUANTITIES OF U. S. STRATEGIC MINERAL RESERVES, WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS GREAT CONCERN FOR THE INTENTIONS ATTRIBUTED TO THE GSA BY SUCH IMPORTANT ORGANS OF INFORMATION. EVEN THOUGH OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE INFORMED THE BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON THAT THERE IS NOTHING OFFICIAL REGARDING THIS POSSIBILITY, AND HAD OFFERED TO INVESTIGATE THE VERACITY OF THE NOTICE IN QUEYMSON, IT COULD NOT HELP BUT CONCERN THE GOVERNMENT OF BOLIVIA THAT IF SUCH A PROPOSAL WERE MADE

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EFFECTIVE IT WOULD BRING, AS COULD BE ASSUMED, GRAVE
CONSEQUENCES TO THE NATIONAL ECONOMY.

ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS THAT EMBASSY HASTENED TO GIVE
ASSURANCES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF WASHINGTON THAT SUCH A
DECISION WOULD NOT BE ADOPTED. ON THIS OCCASION THE MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CULTURE TRUDA THAT, ALTHOUGH FOR
THE PRESENT TIME THE MATTER DEALS ONLY WITH NEWSPAPER
INFORMATION, IT WILL ALSO OBTAIN AN OFFICIAL DECLARATION
WHICH WILL REMOVE THE CONCERN OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE
OF BOLIVIA.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CULTURE REITERATES TO THE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS
MOST DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION. END TEXT.
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